

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

1 (Currently amended) A nail clipper comprising  
a top and bottom elongated members, ~~each of which has~~ having a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of side surfaces connecting the top and bottom surfaces, and distal and proximal ends;

a bottom elongated member having a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of side surfaces connecting the top and bottom surfaces, and distal and proximal ends;

the top and bottom elongated members being interconnected by a post extending from the top surface of the bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof and adjacent to and outwardly of a side surface of the top elongated member to a point above the top surface of the top elongated member;

each of the proximal ends of the top and bottom members having a cutting edge disposed in opposing nail clipping relationship;

a lever coupled to the post above the top surface of the top member, the lever adapted to cause movement of the cutting edges between a cutting position and non-cutting position; and

a bumper disposed on the bottom surface of the bottom member, the bumper having an edge disposed distant from the proximal end of the bottom member.

2 – 4 (Canceled).

5 (original). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the bumper extends from about the proximal end to said edge and has a generally triangular shape whose apex is distant from the bottom elongated member.

6 (Previously presented) A nail clipper according to claim 17, wherein said lever includes a thumb accepting depression.

7 (Previously presented). A nail clipper according to claim 6, wherein the cutting edges are disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

8 (Previously presented). A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the cutting edges are disposed at an angle to a central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members.

9 – 15 (Canceled)

16 (Currently amended) A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members are interconnected.

17 (Previously presented) A nail clipper according to claim 1, wherein the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members are not interconnected.

18 – 19 (Canceled)

20 (Previously presented). A nail clipper according to claim 22, wherein the bumper extends from about the distal end to said edge and has a generally triangular shape whose apex is distant from the bottom elongated member.

21. (Canceled)

22 (Currently amended) A nail clipper comprising  
~~a top and bottom elongated members, each of which has~~ having a top surface, a  
bottom surface, a pair of side surfaces, and distal and proximal ends;  
a bottom elongated member having a top surface, a bottom surface, a pair of side  
surfaces connecting the top and bottom surfaces, and distal and proximal ends;  
the distal ends of the top and bottom elongated members not being interconnected;  
the top and bottom elongated members being interconnected by a post extending  
from the top surface of the bottom elongated member adjacent the proximal end thereof,  
~~adjacent abutting~~ and interconnected to a side surface of the top elongated member to a  
point above the top surface of the top elongated member;  
each of the proximal ends of the top and bottom members having a cutting edge  
disposed in opposing nail clipping relationship, wherein the cutting edges are disposed at  
an angle to the central longitudinal axis of the top and bottom elongated members;  
a lever coupled to the post above the top surface of the top member, the lever  
adapted to cause movement of the cutting edges between a cutting position and non-  
cutting position, the lever including a thumb accepting depression; and  
a bumper disposed on the bottom surface of the bottom member, the bumper  
having an edge disposed distant from the proximal end of the bottom member.